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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 3168(XXVIII) OF DECEMBER
17TH 1973 ON THE STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3202(S-VI) WHICH IN PARAGRAPH
I(2-C), RECOMMENDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
TAKE URGENTLY CONCRETE MEASURES TO STEM THE
SPREAD OF DESERTS AND TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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AFFECTED BY THE PHENOMENON TO INSURE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OF THE AREAS AFFECTED;

RECALLING FURTHER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1826(LV) OF AUGUST 10, 1973 WHICH NOTED THE NEED FOR NEW ACTION TO INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION ENABLING ALL COUNTRIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BENEFIT FROM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ACCELERATION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS;

RECALLING FURTHER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1878(LVII) WHICH REQUESTED ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNED TO PURSUE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS TOWARD A BROAD, SYSTEMWIDE ATTACK ON THE DROUGHT PROBLEM;

RECALLING FURTHER THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP WHICH INTER ALIA, CALLED FOR THE NEED TO UNDERTAKE IN DEPTH STUDIES ON THE EXTENT OF THE DROUGHT IN AFRICA AND DRAW THE CORRESPONDING ACTION PROGRAMMS;

EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE IN THIS AREA IS FULLY UTILIZED, IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE IN FAO, UNESCO, WMO, UNDP, UNEP AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT;

RECONIZING THE NEED FOR FURTHER RESEARCH TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS FOR THE SOLUTION OF WHICH THE REQUISITE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IS NOT YET AVAILABLE;

RECONIZING FURTHER THE NEED TO PREPARE URGENTLY A WORLD INTEGRATED PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SOLVE THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF DESERTIFICATION AND RECLAMATION OF LAND LOST TO DESERTIFICATION;

CONVINCED THAT WORK IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS THROUGH STUDIES AND MEETINGS AT THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL LEVELS;

CONVINCED FURTHER THAT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON ARID ZONES AND DESERTIFICATION WOULD PROVIDE THE INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH A BROAD PLAN OF ACTION WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ARID ZONES AND DESERTIFICATION;

1. DECIDES TO CONVENE IN 1977 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON ARID ZONES AND DESERTIFICATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

2. ENTRUSTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WITH OVERALL

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THE
DEFINITION OF ITS SCOPE AND APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH
THE COMPETENT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNED, TO
ESTABLISH A JOINT SECRETARIAT TO ASSIST TECHNICALLY IN:

A) THE PREPARATION OF A WORLD MAP OF AREAS AFFECTED AND
AREAS LIKELY TO TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PROCESS OF
DESERTIFICATION THROUGH REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS AT
THE TECHNICAL LEVEL;

B) THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL AVAILABLE DATA AND INFORMATION ON
DESERTIFICATION THROUGH THE ENLISTING OF ALL THE EXPERTISE
AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND
ORGANIZATIONS OF MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE ONGOING
AND PLANNED RESEARCH, STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UN.
SYSTEM

C) THE PREPARATION OF AND EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE AND
CO-ORDINATED ACTION PROGRAMME AGAINST DESERTIFICATION,
INCLUDING THE BUILDING UP OF INDIGENOUS AND AUTONOMOUS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAPACITY IN THE AREAS CONCERNED.

4. REQUESTS THE UNEP AND UNDP TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR UNDER-
TAKING THE COLLECTION, DATA AND INFORMATION, AND ANALYSES
AND STUDIES THEREON AND THE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS AT THE TECHNICAL
LEVEL PREPARATORY TO THE CONFERENCE;

5. INVITES ALL THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN. SYSTEM
TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION
OF THE CONFERENCE

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6. REQUESTS FURTHER THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY FIRST SESSION, THROUGH
THE ECOSOC AT ITS SIXTIETH SESSION, A REPORT ON THE CONVENING
OF THE CONFERENCE. ENDQTE.SCALI

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